

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A Committee has been constituted by Managing Director to investigate and suggest remedial measures. On the basis of interim report, the systems have been restored to normalcy and commissioning works are in progress. Final report of the Committee is expected by December, 1991 and the recommendations will be implemented.

#### **Review of Functioning of the Bureau of Indian Standards**

108. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:  
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government is undertaking a comprehensive review of the functioning of the Bureau of Indian Standards;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate a national policy on standardisation and quality with a view to make the Indian products certification system internationally acceptable;

(c) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether the quality of Indian products exported to the developed countries is upto the mark; and

(a) if not, the extent to which the steps contemplated by the Government will ensure supply of quality products in the Indian markets as well a further developed countries:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) An inter-Ministerial Task Force set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Civil Supplies, and Public Distribution is presently examining this matter and will suggest suitable steps to be taken in this regard.

(d) Yes, to great extent it compares favourably with standards of developed countries.

(e) The Bureau has already launched quality system certification to help the Indian Industry to improve quality of their products to boost exports.

#### **Modernisation of Food processing Industry**

109. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:  
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to modernise the food processing industry in the country to make it a high-technology sector;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the target of exports of processed foods for the current year is likely to be achieved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):**  
(a) yes, Sir.

(b) This Ministry had formulated developmental plan schemes for implementation since 1990-91. These schemes include those for assistance to State Governments, Corporations/Cooperative undertakings for setting up new integrated fruit & vegetable processing units as also assistance for modernisation, diversification & expansion etc. of the existing units, schemes for Research & Development and technology upgradation, schemes for modernisation in grain milling sector, etc. These schemes are being implemented during the current financial year also.

(c) and (d) This Ministry does not fix export target. However, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has fixed a target of export of processed fruits and food products worth Rs. 107 crores, animal products worth Rs. 196 crores and other processed foods worth Rs. 168 crores in the current year. As per the information given by APEDA these targets are likely to be achieved.

ns'ation']

#### **Projects of Madhya Pradesh Pending for Approval**

**110. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:**  
Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects of Madhya Pradesh pending at present with the Planning Commission for approval; and

(b) the time by which the said projects are likely to be accorded approval?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ):** (a) Shrivna Flood Control scheme and Flood Protection Scheme for Shujalpur Town are pending in the Planning Commission for approval.

(b) The decision for investment clearance for the above schemes in the Planning Commission depends upon the over all resource availability with the State Government and the sectoral priorities attached to various sectors by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the Eighth Plan (1992-97) which is yet to be finalised.

[English]

#### **Procurement price of Rice**

**112. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:**  
Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procurement price of rice is more in Punjab than in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The procurement prices of levy-rice payable to rice millers for delivery of levy rice are determined on the basis of minimum support prices (MSP) of paddy fixed by Government of India for various varieties which are uniform throughout the country and variable factors like statutory taxes, non-statutory charges and out-turn ratio of rice from paddy applicable for various States/UTs. The difference in variable factors between Punjab and Andhra Pradesh results in fixation of different prices of levy rice for these two States.